

BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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FOR THE YEAR

1958



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. FIELD AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Bromsgrove during the year ending 31st December, 1958.

POPULATION AND HOUSING The estimated population increased by 790 to 31,700. This increase is partly due to the difference between births, (555) and deaths, (351). The remaining 204 gives a picture of the excess of movement into, over the movement out of the District during the year and compares very favourably with the influx of 994 in 1957 and 736 in 1956. The housing position in the District remained difficult and there were still 797 families on the housing register at the end of the year. The number of inhabited houses increased by 120 to 9,798.

DEATHS There was a small fall in the percentage of deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system and cancer and other malignant diseases. However, there was an increase from 14.96% to 19.60% in deaths due to respiratory diseases, possibly a result of the increased incidence of influenza during the latter half of the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE Notifications of infectious diseases fell sharply from 638 in 1957 to 178 in 1958 due almost entirely to the greatly lowered incidence of measles. There was, however, again an increase in the notifications of puerperal pyrexia. In 1955 there were 17 notifications, in 1956 there were 14 followed by a sharp rise to 41 in 1957 and 46 in 1958. All save 3 of the 46 cases were notified from Bromsgrove General Hospital.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION It is gratifying to note the increase in the number of children receiving a course of immunisation against Diphtheria and the total of children under 15 years who had completed a course of injections, whether primary or booster. There was a small decrease in the percentage of infants vaccinated against Smallpox from 52.3% in 1957 to 51.8% in 1958.

FLUORIDATION This question was discussed by your Health Committee which agreed that it was desirable in the interests of dental health. The East Worcestershire Waterworks Company was asked to consider the matter and to make an application to the Minister of Health for permission to undertake Fluoridation of their water supplies. The support of all other Authorities supplied by the Board was also invited. Most Authorities supplied by the Board supported the proposal while the Board felt that at that stage they could take no action.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1958. DELEGATION OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FUNCTIONS

It was decided by the Council that in view of the present population, the distribution of the population and the comparative proximity of Worcester from where the present administration of the services in question was carried out, no application be made to the Minister for his consent to make a delegation scheme.

BROMSGROVE DISTRICTS SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed on the 18th November following a meeting of statutory and voluntary organisations operating in the Urban and Rural Districts of Bromsgrove. The objectives were to obtain closer liaison between the officers representing the organisations, which might

help in the more satisfactory and speedy solution of problem cases, and to review the social services existing in the Districts to ascertain the need for extension of or additions to those services and to make recommendations.

CHIROPODY SERVICE Through the Agency of the British Red Cross Society, arrangements were made to start a monthly chiropody service for old people at the surgery of a local chiropodist. The first session was held on the 8th January, 1959.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY Preliminary arrangements were made for a Mass Radiography Survey in the Rubery, Catshill, Central Bromsgrove and Charlford Estate Areas between September 23rd and November 4th, 1959. A special visit had already been arranged for the Unit to visit Carringtons during January, 1959.

HEELS ON WHEELS A survey was carried out which showed that there was a need for a Heals on Wheels Service and preliminary discussions took place with the County Welfare Officer and representatives of the W.V.S. to consider the financing and other requirements for such a service.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, SECTION 47. An Order for the immediate removal of an old lady to hospital was obtained as she was suffering from grave chronic disease and was unable to devote to herself, and was not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. It is interesting to note that her haemoglobin had fallen to 13% due to nutritional anaemia.

I am indebted to the Public Health Inspectorate and officers of other departments for their assistance and co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Field and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 9,228 acres.

POPULATION:

Registrar General's estimate of Population in mid 1958 showed an increase of 790 compared with 1957.

1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1938
31,700	30,910	29,800	28,980	29,020	23,540
(Census, 1951: 27,924)					

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1958:-

1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1938
9,798	9,678	9,087	8,657	8,419	6,902

Rateable Value, 1st April, 1958: £315,915.

Product of Penny Rate: £1,249/1/6d. (£1,267/6/10d)

VITAL STATISTICS
(1957 figures given in brackets)

Live Births.

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	283	256	539 (484)
Illegitimate	6	10	16 (19)
Total	289	266	555 (503)

Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population).

1958	1957	1956	1955	1938	1958 (England and Wales).
17.51	16.76	13.83	14.74	17.8	16.4

Illegitimacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births):

1958	1957	1956	1955	1938	1958 (England and Wales)
28.8	37.77	31.86	33.1	33.5	49.0

Still Births.

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	6	1	7 (5)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	6	1	7 (5)

Still Birth Rate (Still Births per 1,000 total births):

1958	1957	1956	1955	1938	1958 (England and Wales)
12.45	9.84	21.58	20.83	27.9	21.6

Deaths.

M	F	Total
167 (195)	184 (192)	351 (387)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population):

1958	1957	1956	1955	1958 (England and Wales).
10.52	11.77	9.89	12.5	11.7

Major Causes of Death.

1. Disease of the heart and circulatory system.	47.29% (50.13%)
2. Cancer and other malignant disease (leukaemia and aleukaemia)	14.25% (16.28%) 0.57% (1.03%)
3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	19.60% (14.96%)

Tuberculosis has now been omitted as it no longer is among the major causes of death.

Percentage distribution of Deaths.

Age at Death	%1958	%1957	%1956	%1955
0 - 1 year.	2.20%	3.10%	2.78%	3.10%
1 - 14 years.	1.09%	2.33%	1.54%	2.17%
15 - 44 years.	6.20%	5.17%	5.25%	5.88%
45 - 64 years.	28.47%	20.67%	22.53%	19.50%
65 and over.	62.04%	68.73%	67.90%	69.35%

Infant Mortality (Infant deaths per 1,000 total births).

1958	1957	1956	1955	1958	1958 (England and Wales)
Nil.	Nil.	4.79	Nil.	1.17	0.43

Infant and Neonatal Mortality.

Infant Deaths (Deaths of Infants under 1 year).

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4 (11)
Illegitimate	1	1	2 (1)
Total	3	3	6 (12)

Neonatal Deaths (Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks).

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3 (7)
Illegitimate	1	1	2 (1)
Total	3	2	5 (8)

Infant and Neonatal Death Rates:-

(England and Wales)

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1958
Rate of Legitimate born					
Rate of illegitimate born					
Rate of total born	7.12	22.73	20.78	56.9	-

Infant and Neonatal Death Rates:-

(England
and Wales)
1958

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births.	75.00	52.63	-	166.7	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births.	9.01	15.9	12.25	-	16.2
Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births.	10.81	23.86	22.06	59.8	22.5
Early Neo-natal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births.	3.60	-	-	-	-
Perinatal Mortality rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.	16.0	-	-	-	-

Causes of Infant Deaths (Neonatal figures given in brackets):

	1958	1957	1956	1955
Congenital Malformations	2 (2)	3 (2)	3 (1)	1 (1)
Prematurity	1 (1)	3 (3)	3 (3)	5 (5)
Respiratory Disease	2 (1)	4 (1)	2 (-)	1
Gastro-Enteritis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	-
Birth Trauma	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Asphyxia	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)	1
Other Causes	1 (1)	-	-	-
Total	6 (5)	12 (8)	9 (5)	9 (7)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the Ante-Natal, Child Welfare, School, Immunisation, Dental and Specialist Services which aim at the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of disease, especially among children. The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery services provided by the County Council, supported by the Home Help Service, managed by the W.V.A. and the Loan of Nursing Requisites Scheme managed by the Red Cross continued to provide useful domiciliary help.

The District is well served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach of it.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Royal Infirmary, Worcester and chemical analyses of water, etc., were done by the County Laboratory, Worcester. The Health Department is greatly indebted to the Directors of these Laboratories for their help and co-operation.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE FROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1958

Cause of Death.		M	F	Total	Mor- tality Rate
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	5	1	6	0.18
2.	Tuberculosis, Other.	-	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections.	-	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-
8.	Measles.	-	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic Diseases.	-	-	-	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	2	5	7	0.21
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	8	1	9	0.27
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast.	1	6	7	0.21
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	-	3	3	0.09
14.	Other malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	7	17	24	0.72
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukemia.	1	1	2	0.06
16.	Diabetes.	2	2	4	0.12
17.	Vascular lesions of Nervous System.	21	38	59	1.75
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina.	28	23	51	1.53
19.	Hypertensions with Heart Disease.	5	6	11	0.33
20.	Other heart disease.	14	21	35	1.05
21.	Other Circulatory Disease.	7	3	10	0.30
22.	Influenza.	-	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia.	12	26	38	1.14
24.	Bronchitis.	20	6	26	0.78
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	5	-	5	0.15
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	2	1	3	0.09
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis.	2	3	5	0.15
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	1	0.03
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, Abortion.	-	-	-	-
31.	Congenital Malformations.	2	-	2	0.06
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases.	13	15	28	0.84
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents.	3	1	4	0.12
34.	All other accidents.	5	3	8	0.25
35.	Suicide.	1	2	3	0.09
36.	Unrecorded operation of w.r.	-	-	-	-
Total		167	184	351	10.52

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary conditions of the district is included.

The water supply by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company is satisfactory, both by the Company and the Public Health Inspectors, and the water supply is given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. Collections were made weekly in the town area and fortnightly in the more rural areas.

The amount of refuse collected during the year was approx 13,033 tons.

HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1958 was as follows:-

Number of houses in the district.	9,798 (9,678)
Number of persons per house.	3.23 (3.19)
Number of houses built by private enterprise.	121 (423)
Number of houses built by Council.	78 (154)
Number of houses under construction at end of year.	116 (83)
Number of houses demolished during 1958	79 (7)

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1958.

Disease	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Scarlet Fever.	12
Diphtheria.	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	1
Measles.	95
Whooping Cough.	12
Acute Pneumonia.	4
Puerperal Pyrexia.	46
Meningococcal Infections.	-
Acute Polionyelitis.	1
Acute Encephalitis.	-
Dysentery.	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	2
Erysipelas.	1
Malaria.	-
Food Poisoning.	2
Totals	178 (638)

Diphtheria.

For the eighth consecutive year no case of diphtheria was notified. The last diphtheria death occurred in 1945.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed a course of immunisation during the year 1958, was as follows:-

		1958	1957	1956	1955
Under 5 years.	...	477	346	410	303
5 - 14 years.	...	15	36	34	44
Total.	...	492	382	444	347
Reinforcing injection.	...	234	235	293	192

The "Immunisation State" of Dronsgrove children on the 31st December, 1958 was as follows:-

As at 31/12/58 i.e. born in yr.	Under 1 1958	1 - 4 1954 - 1957	5 - 9 1949 - 1953	10 - 14 1944 - 1948	Under 15 Total
Completed course of injection (whether primary or booster) 1954 - 1958	160 (59)	1,307 (1,303)	1,637 (1,643)	197 (219)	3,301 (3,224)
1953 or earlier	-	-	435 (422)	2,174 (1,957)	2,609 (2,379)
No. of births	555 (503)	-	-	-	-

Vaccination.

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Re-Vaccinated) during 1958:-

As at 31/12/58 i.e. born in yr.	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total 1958	Total 1957	Total 1956
1958	276 (194)	9	6	3	5	297 (261)	261	236
1957	-	-	1	2	16	19	32	11

The 276 children vaccinated represent 51.8% (52.5%) of the total number of births in the two years 1958 and 1957.

Tuberculosis:-

Tuberculosis registrations at the end of 1958 were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	107	89	196 (185)
Non-Pulmonary.	15	11	26 (23)
Total	122 (116)	100 (92)	222 (208)

Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1958

Age	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - ...	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 - ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - ...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - ...	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - ...	4	1	-	1	2	-	1	-
55 - ...	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12	3	1	1	8	-	1	-
	15	(14)	2	(3)	8	(2)	1	(Nil)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR1958.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. FIELD AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in 1958.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONSlaughterhouses

The legislation governing slaughterhouses and hygiene in slaughterhouses came into operation on the 1st. January, 1959, and detailed inspection and reports will be made to the Council on the five private slaughterhouses in the District.

It would appear that the cost to bring our slaughterhouses up to the standard required would be uneconomical to the owners, even if it could be done in some cases. Serious consideration is, therefore, being given to the provision of a public abattoir.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Total killed (if known).	285	1	3	1873	706	-
Total inspected.	285	1	3	1873	706	-
<u>1. Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	9	1	-
Of which part or organ condemned.	43	-	1	79	47	-
Percentage of the inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	15%	-	33 1/3%	4.7%	6.8%	-
<u>2. Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Of which part or organ condemned.	3	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1%	-	-	-	0.99%	-
<u>3. Parasitism:-</u>						
Whole carcasses of which part or organ condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHT

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Tuberculosis.	144	-	-	42	186
Cysticercus Bovis.	35	-	-	-	35
Peritonitis.	-	-	60	-	60
Fevered Condition.	-	-	-	40	40
Carcinoma.	30	-	-	-	30
Abscesses.	42	-	-	-	42
Bruising.	4	-	500	5	509
Distomatosis.	234	-	105	-	339
Tenuicollis Cysts.	-	-	40	-	40
Cirrhosis.	15	-	4	21	40
Enteritis.	-	-	-	34	34
Fatty Infiltration.	12	-	-	-	12
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	44	44
Ringworm.	-	-	-	7	7
Urticaria.	-	-	-	6	6
Pericarditis.	-	-	-	3	3
Ascarides.	-	-	-	4	4
Echinococcus Cysts.	-	-	3	2	5
Pleurisy.	-	-	-	14	14
Necrosis.	-	-	-	8	8
Bone Taint.	147	-	-	-	147
Decomposition.	31	13	-	-	44
TOTALS.	694	13	712	230	1649

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SWABS TAKEN FROM FOOD PREMISES

TYPE OF UTENSIL	No. of Swabs Taken	COLONY COUNTS					BACTERIUM COLI			% of Total Swabs taken which are considered satisfactory.
		Sterile	Under 100	Over 100 and less than 1,000	Over 1,000 and less than 10,000	Over 10,000 and less than 100,000	Absent	Present		
								Non-Faecal	Faecal	
Dinner Plates.	14	3	8	1	2	-	13	1	-	85.55
Tea Plates.	17	4	10	1	-	2	15	2	-	82.88
Tea Cups.	30	10	17	1	2	-	27	3	-	83.33
Soup Plates.	3	2	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	66.66
Coffee Cups.	7	2	4	1	-	-	6	1	-	71.42
Fruit Dishes.	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	100.00
Glass Tumblers.	50	26	24	4	1	4	53	6	-	84.00
TOTALS.	132	49	63	9	5	6	119	13	-	82.57

* Colony Counted by the pour plate method with no coliform bacteria present.

It will be observed that all the animals slaughtered in the district are inspected.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption is listed below:-

Gammon, Bacon & Ham.	...	...	...	66 lbs.
Cooked Ham.	...	...	...	6 lb.
Pork Pies.	...	...	...	12 lbs.
Ox Tongue.	...	...	...	32 lbs.
Chickens.	...	...	...	25 lbs.
Pigs Chawls.	...	...	...	28 lbs.
Fish.	...	...	...	36 lbs.
Macaroon Paste.	...	...	...	10 lbs. 8 oz.
Sausages.	...	...	...	15 lbs.
Pudding Mixture.	...	...	...	34 Packets.
Currants & Sultanas.	...	...	...	10 lbs.
Sweets, Cakes etc.	...	...	...	17 Packets.
Jam & Marmalade.	...	...	...	24 Jars.
Pickles, Sauces & Savouries.	...	...	...	14 Jars.
Cereals.	...	...	...	12 lbs. 9 oz.
Cheese Spread.	...	...	...	11 Packets.
Coffee Essence.	...	...	...	3 Bottles.
Butter.	...	...	...	1 lb.

Tinned Goods

Tinned Meats.	...	...	...	137 Tins.
Tinned Vegetables.	...	...	...	112 Tins.
Tinned Fish.	...	...	...	23 Tins.
Tinned Soups.	...	...	...	17 Tins.
Tinned Fruits.	...	...	...	163 Tins.
Tinned Milk & Cream.	...	...	...	18 Tins.
Miscellaneous.	...	...	...	14 Tins.

Fatstock Guarantee Scheme

The Public Health Inspectors continued to act as Certification Officers for the Ministry of Food Fatstock Marketing Division at the two remaining Deadweight Certification Centres in the District.

The Ministry, however in a general review, withdrew approval of these two centres on the 16th. August, 1958, as it was considered insufficient stock was being presented for certification to warrant the centres remaining open.

From the 1st. January to the 16th. August a total of 308 pigs were certified.

Food Premises:

The total number of visits to food premises during the year, including visits to slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspection was 1,194.

Many structural improvements have been secured at food premises such as the provision of washing facilities and the protection of displayed foods, but the cases of food poisoning notified throughout the country are still numerous. This would appear to point to the fact that individual hygiene is at fault and that much still remains to be done to educate the food handler.

Dr. Henderson, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service, has kindly continued to examine swabs of crockery etc. taken from catering establishments. A very considerable improvement is noticed when a comparison is made with the earlier results of these examinations.

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 is:-

(a) Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	99
(b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food	...	...	...	...	23

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Fifteen licences were issued to Slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

Milk Supply:

Eighteen visits were made to the two dairies in the district. The number of samples taken for bacteriological examination was 89 and they are classified below:-

Samples	No. taken for bacteriological examination	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory
Sterilised Milk.	5	5	-
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised).	43	43	-
Pasteurised.	26	26	-
Tuberculin Tested.	15	15	-
Totals.	89	89	-

The number of licences in force under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations is as follows:-

	Tuberculin Tested	Pasteurised	Sterilised
No. of Dealer's Licences.	3	8	15
No. of Supplementary Licences.	10	9	11

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling:

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer in my own right within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Council.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk - Formal Samples	...	...	...	36
Potatoes - Informal Samples	...	...	...	6

Ice Cream:

Samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 78. The results, with a comparison of the 1957 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results 1957 and 1958.

<u>1957.</u>			<u>1958.</u>		
Grade	No. of Samples	%	Grade	No. of Samples	%
1.	65	97.02	1.	76	97.44
2.	1	1.49	2.	2	2.56
3.	1	1.49	3.	-	-
4.	-	-	4.	-	-
Total.	67	100.0	Total.	78	100.0

The number of premises registered is:-

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	1
Sale only	...	...	24
Sale of Pre-packed only.	...	...	74

Tents, Vans and Sheds:

Public Health Act licences are in force for 82 caravans in the district. Sixty of these caravans are situated on two licensed sites - the rest are on individual sites or on sites for not more than 3 vans.

It is necessary to carry out regular inspection in order to prevent public health nuisances arising.

WATER SUPPLY

Thirty-seven samples of the town's mains water supply were submitted to the County Analyst and the Pathological Laboratory for chemical and bacteriological analysis, all of which were satisfactory.

Seven samples of water from wells and springs etc. were submitted, four of which were unsatisfactory.

DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses).	...	...	9
Houses connected to cesspools (excluding new houses).	...	...	10
No. of obstructed drains dealt with.	...	...	32
No. of tests applied to house drains.	...	...	70
No. of insanitary lavatories, sinks, urinals etc. dealt with.	...	...	7
No. of cesspools abolished.	...	...	6
New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc.	...	...	5
Baths provided.	...	...	20
No. of pails abolished.	...	...	2
Defective drains repaired or relaid.	...	...	11
Waste water closets abolished.	...	...	1

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The number of cesspools, septic tanks etc. where sewers are not available, is 765, and the average routine emptying service given is three times every two years. However, complaints are always dealt with to relieve nuisances.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Emptier during the year:-

No. of Cesspools Emptied.	1474
No. of Loads from Cesspools.	1518
No. of Privies Emptied...	112
No. of Pails Emptied.	1227
Mileage Covered.	9402

ASHES ACCOMMODATION

During the year 1049 dustbins were delivered to householders under the Bin Replacement Scheme.

DISINFESTATION

Number of houses Disinfested. 1

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time Operator is employed to undertake treatment on all Council and private properties, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

No. of Treatments at Private Dwellings.	283
No. of Treatments at Business Premises.	48
No. of Treatments at Council Premises	12
(Sewage Outfall Works, Tips, Housing Estates etc.)	
No. of Brookcourse Treatments.	3
No. of Properties Revisited and Surveyed... ..	1762
No. of Agricultural Properties Surveyed....	21
No. of Agricultural Properties Treated.	2

The rodent problem in the district is now mainly reduced to minor scattered infestations and the maintenance treatments of sewers and the brookcourse, together with block control of centres of infestation, have kept the town district comparatively free from rats. The scattered infestations referred to are usually associated with domestic poultry or pig-keeping. The Sewage Works and refuse tips receive regular attention.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Three applications were received under the above Act. These licences were granted.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Defects or nuisances discovered.	281
Number abated.	221
Number of notices served (Informal 100, Formal 14).	

Inspections:

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re- Inspections</u>
Houses under Public Health Acts.	152	437
Overcrowding.	10	-
Water Supply.	25	17
Tents, Vans and Sheds.	152	169
Ashes Accommodation.	184	32
Accumulations.	26	5
Animals or Birds....	6	1
Piggeries.	10	9
Drainage Inspections.	405	330
Drainage Tests.	42	22
Closets - Water.	18	8
Pails or Privies.	6	-
Cesspools.	247	177
Sewers and Street Gullies.	32	4
Milkshops and Dairies.	3	39
Ice Cream Premises.	14	69
Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection.	605	-
Food Preparing Premises....	126	50
General Food Premises.	128	109
Licensed Premises.	23	3
Factories.	21	4
Bakehouses.	10	10
Rats and Mice Acts....	40	11
Verminous Premises....	3	2
Infectious Diseases.	91	9
Housing - Section 16.	226	49
Section 42.	125	73
Housing - Other Visits....	277	39
Housing Act, 1949.	137	75
Rent Act, 1957.	125	76
Petroleum Act.	28	1
Miscellaneous Visits.	236	190
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen, etc.	366	-
Smoke Abatement.	13	-

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED

W.C. Pedestals renewed or repaired.	6
Obstructed Drains.	31
W.C. Flushing Cisterns....	8
Floors repaired.	6
Roofs repaired.	23
Ceiling plaster made good.	10
Wallplaster made good.	8
Walls repaired.	13
Eavespouting and downspouts repaired or renewed.	23
Chimneys repaired.	12
Staircases repaired.	6
Firegrates renewed or repaired.	2
Dustbins provided by Local Authority.	1049
Doors repaired or renewed.	8
Windows repaired or renewed.	21
Repairs to waste pipes and gullies....	3
Hot and Cold Water Systems.	7
Repairs to drains and drainage systems.	10

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(i)	By the local authority.	78
(ii)	By other local authorities... ..	-
(iii)	By other bodies or persons... ..	121

1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-

1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	857
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	1504
2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932.	46
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	46
3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation... ..	41
4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	84

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers. 70

3. Action under statutory powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners.	Nil.
	(b) By local authority in default of owners.	Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	90
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners.	4
	(b) By local authority in default of owners.	Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	7
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders....	40
(3)	Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas....	39

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1956:-

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	2
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil.

4. Housing Act, 1949. - Improvement Grants.

Fifteen grants were approved and twenty houses on which grants for improvements had been approved were completed during the year.

5. Rent Act, 1957 - Certificates of Disrepair.

No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair received.	37
No. of Undertakings as to remedying of defects received from owners.	38
No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by Local Authority.	1
No. of applications received from Landlord or Tenants for Certificates as to remedying of defects.	10
No. of Certificates issued by Local Authority as to remedying of defects.	5
No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair withdrawn by tenants.	2

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):--

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	88	16	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	10	4	-	-
TOTAL. ...	103	25	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL. ...	2	2	-	1	-

PETROLEUM ACTS

Sixty-nine licences were issued during 1958 for the storage of 123,547 gallons of petroleum spirit, 100 gallons of cellulose and 36 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.